

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT**

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Title: MECHANICAL METAPHOR FOR REPRESENTING PARAMETER  
CONSTRAINTS GRAPHICALLY FOR MEDICAL DEVICES

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131 ANTEDATING A REFERENCE**

I hereby declare the following:

- 1) I am currently and correctly named as an inventor in the pending patent application entitled MECHANICAL METAPHOR FOR REPRESENTING PARAMETER CONSTRAINTS GRAPHICALLY FOR MEDICAL DEVICES, Serial number 10/034,132.
- 2) The invention disclosed within the above-referenced patent application was conceived of by me and the other named inventors prior to September 1998.
- 3) A written description of the invention is present in certain invention disclosure form and related documents of mine with a date of entry prior to September 1998.
- 4) An Invention Disclosure Form was completed that described the invention and was submitted to the Medtronic, Inc. legal department for consideration prior to September 1998.
- 5) The invention was not publicly disclosed or offered for sale prior to the filing date of the present patent application.
- 6) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and

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further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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